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Town of Manchester

Annual & Reports

For the Municipal Year 1903 : 4.

Annual Reports

OF

The Municipal Officers

AND

Board of Education

OF THE

Town of Manchester, Maine,

For the Municipal Year 1903 : 4.

**HALLOWELL:
REGISTER PRESS.
1904.**

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Manchester:

The School Committee submit the following report for the past year:

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation of 1903.....	\$700 00	
Mill tax from state.....	374 33	
Due from town of Farmingdale.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,080 33

EXPENDITURES.

Excess of 1902.....	\$11 11	
School orders 1902 and 1903.....	74 35	
School No. 1. Teaching and board	\$234 50	
Fuel and care of house	10 50	
Conveying Palmer children.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	250 00
School No. 2. Teaching and board	154 00	
Fuel and care of house	16 50	
Conveying from No. 3	37 50	
	<hr/>	208 00
School No. 4. Teaching and board	142 00	
Fuel and care of house	18 58	
	<hr/>	160 58
School No. 6. Teaching and board	210 00	
Fuel and care of house	24 50	
	<hr/>	234 50
School No. 7. Teaching and board	102 00	
Fuel and care of house	17 50	
	<hr/>	119 50
	<hr/>	\$1,058 04
Balance in favor of town.....	22 29	
	<hr/>	1,080 33
Bills outstanding estimated \$90.		

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Balance from 1902	31 29	
Received of O. J. Foster for shingles	2 25	
		<hr/>
		\$183 54

EXPENDED.

R. Pease, labor	10 37	
Augusta Lumber Co., lumber	28 48	
H. R. Randall, painting	33 13	
M. S. Fiffeld, posts for yard	3 00	
R. Pease, building fence	5 50	
Lawrence, Newhall & Page, windows	6 72	
E. M. Lenfest, labor	75	
E. M. Bowman & Co., supplies	1 07	
Mrs. W. Welch, cleaning house	2 50	
Wm. Welch, labor	2 25	
C. E. Getchell, shingles	13 75	
O. J. Foster, labor	2 25	
E. F. Temple, labor	3 00	
W. D. Farr, labor	9 35	
Mrs. Wm. Welch, cleaning house	2 50	
J. T. Collins, repairs	2 32	
D. B. Jewett, repairs	8 25	
F. P. Hall, cleaning house	2 00	
G. A. Lilly, repairs	5 00	
Unexpended balance	41 35	
		<hr/>
		183 54

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Balance from 1902	6 52	
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		\$106 52

EXPENDED.

J. H. Stewart, atlas and maps	\$35 40	
J. A. Knowles, supplies	45	
A. M. Bowman & Co., supplies	2 25	
D. B. Jewett, supplies	5 11	
Unexpended balance	63 31	
		<hr/>
		106 52

Due American Book Co.....	\$77 25
“ B. H. Sanborn & Co.....	22 50
“ J. F. Pierce.....	3 30

103 05

A. W. HAWKES,	} <i>S. S. Committee</i>
JAMES T. COLLINS,	
R. PEASE,	

of
Manchester

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TOWN HALL FUND.

Unexpended balance	\$72 97	
Received of G. M. Knowles, rent of hall...	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 97

EXPENDED.

R. Pease, labor.....	\$15 87	
Augusta Lumber Co., lumber.....	28 48	
H. R. Randall, painting.....	33 12	
E. M. Lenfest, labor.....	75	
A. M. Bowman & Co., hardware.....	5 39	
G. M. Knowles, labor.....	4 20	
M. S. Fifield, posts for yard.....	3 00	
Unexpended balance.....	10 16	
	<hr/>	100 97

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00	
Wm. Welch, old plank.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,002 00
Excess of 1902.....	\$ 11 96	
M. S. Fifield and others.....	893 02	
L. M. Pinkham.....	3 75	
B. C. Mosher.....	3 40	
W. T. Ballard.....	3 40	

TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

L. R. Sanford.....	4 76	
J. R. Fifield.....	30 62	
Hallowell Granite Co....	16 75	
J. F. Cottle, hauling stone.....	13 34	
W. H. Lyon.....	2 85	
H. E. Emery.....	45 43	
J. T. Collins.....	5 30	
Geo. H. White.....	8 60	
A. M. Bowman & Co.....	60	
	<hr/>	1,043 78
Excess.....		41 78

RAILINGS FOR BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....		\$75 00
EXPENDED.		
M. S. Fifield, labor and material.....	\$62 69	
Unexpended balance.....	12 31	
	<hr/>	75 00

ROAD MACHINE.

Appropriation.....		\$225 00
EXPENDED.		
C. M. Conant.....	200 00	
Unexpended.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	225 00

BREAKING SNOW.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Unexpended balance.....	239 02	
	<hr/>	\$739 02
EXPENDED.		

Albert E. Farr.....	\$12 95
Wesley D. Farr.....	2 20
M. S. Fifield and others.....	27 33
Fred L. Fifield.....	10 00
T. J. Dudley.....	9 75
R. F. Knowles.....	7 50
H. E. Emery.....	38 91

J. R. Fifield.....	17 35
H. A. Young.....	34 46
A. U. Cottle.....	27 10
Wm. E. Watson.....	15 21
J. E. Daggett.....	26 55
Wm. Welch.....	2 33
G. H. Kilbreth.....	83
Scott W. Burnham.....	4 08
Wm. Howard.....	2 00
T. J. Adle.....	1 40
Chas. Lint.....	1 58
Frank Choate and others.....	17 99
S. A. Miller.....	2 43
Chas. Nickerson.....	2 58
Wm. Hartung and others.....	11 53
Geo. H. Parsons.....	8 50
Philo Hewett.....	5 83
Otis J. Foster.....	5 27
Wm. H. Lyon.....	2 83
B. R. Niles.....	1 50
J. T. Collins and others.....	39 78
F. W. Snow.....	2 50
E. M. Lenfest.....	2 17
Fred L. Fifield.....	5 41
A. W. Hawkes.....	5 38
G. H. Kilbreth.....	1 00
D. B. Jewett.....	14 89
John Babcock.....	6 64
E. F. Temple and others.....	72 34
S. A. Miller.....	4 00
W. D. Farr.....	6 71
F. J. Hewins.....	14 00
Unexpended balance.....	264 21

739 02

INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriation.....	\$475 00
Received from state, damage to sheep.....	5 00
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	\$480 00

EXPENDED.

Excess of 1902.....	\$132 79	
H. E. Emery, snow plow.....	6 65	
G. H. Kilbreth, services as town clerk 1902-3	20 00	
Macomber & Whitten, insurance.....	25 00	
Henry Heath, insurance.....	17 50	
L. J. Reynolds, M. D., returning deaths...	50	
M. S. Fifield, repairing road machine.....	2 00	
H. A. Eaton, " " "	5 00	
O. J. Foster, ballot clerk.....	1 50	
Heath, Andrews, Dutton, legal advice....	6 00	
J. T. Collins, services as constable.....	3 50	
A. M. Bowman, nails for hearse house....	87	
A. M. Bowman, stationery and postage....	81	
O. S. Basford, labor on hearse house.....	8 40	
D. B. Jewett, superintendent of schools....	54 00	
G. H. Kilbreth, justice fees.	75	
G. H. Kilbreth, recording births, deaths and marriages.....	4 35	
Edwin Caldwell, running T. line.....	1 00	
Edwin Caldwell, services as selectman, etc.	61 20	
E. M. Lenfest, " " " "	56 00	
Fred L. Fifield, " " " "	48 00	
Fred L. Fifield, setting bound on T. line...	2 00	
E. M. Lenfest, running T. line	2 00	
J. T. Collins, collector's commission.....	93 68	
		553 50
Excess.....		73 50

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00	
Balance from last year.....	184 95	
Town of Rome.....	33 05	
From hay on Groves place	7 50	
" " " " "	5 00	
		\$430 50

EXPENDED.

Orin Smith, board of Octavus Drake.....	\$112 00
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A. U. Cottle, board of J. Trask.....	15 00	
Sherburne & Dailey clothing for Drake....	13 05	
W. A. Wright, M. D., medical attendance		
J. Trask.....	12 00	
Bowditch & Webster, medicine J. Trask...	6 05	
W. Johnson, M. D., attendance of Drake..	6 00	
J. E. Tuell, M. D., " " Trask.	15 00	
H. F. Shaw, M. D., " " "	16 00	
A. M. Bowman & Co., Drake.....	25	
E. M. Lenfest, care of tramps.....	3 00	
Edwin Caldwell, " " ".....	1 00	
Unexpended balance... ..	231 15	
	<hr/>	430 50

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOAN.

Appropriation	40 00	
Balance from last year.....	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$46 25

EXPENDED.

Northern National Bank and Augusta Trust		
Co.....	\$59 00	
Excess	12 75	
	<hr/>	46 25

GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Common schools.....	\$700 00	
Support of poor	200 00	
Roads and Bridges.....	1,000 00	
Breaking snow.....	500 00	
Railing for bridges.....	75 00	
Repairs of school houses.....	150 00	
Text books.....	100 00	
Incidentals.....	4 75	
Interest on temporary loan.....	40 00	
Road machine.....	225 00	
	<hr/>	3,465 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Town of Farmingdale, tuition.....	\$ 4 00	
Dog licenses refunded from state.....	34 42	
School fund and mill tax.....	424 07	
Town of Rome acct. of Trask.....	33 05	
Hay on Groves' place B. F. Choate.....	7 50	
“ “ “ “ A. G. Pinkham.....	5 00	
Wm. Welch, old plank.....	2 00	
O. J. Foster, shingles.....	2 25	
State treasurer damage to sheep.....	5 00	
G. M. Knowles, rent of town hall.....	28 00	
		545 29
		4,010 29

EXPENDED.

Common schools, orders drawn.....	\$1,046 93	
Repairs on school houses.....	142 19	
Text books.....	43 21	
Roads and bridges.....	1,031 82	
Breaking snow.....	474 81	
Support of poor.....	199 35	
Interest on temporary loan.....	59 00	
Railing bridges.....	62 69	
Road machine.....	200 00	
Incidental charges.....	420 71	
Town hall.....	90 81	
		\$3,771 52

Amount of inventory, \$249,405.

No. of polls, 158.

Rate of taxation, \$16.70 per \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN CALDWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
EDGAR M. LENFEST,	
FRED L. FIFIELD,	

of
Manchester.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1903-1904.

Dr.

TAXES COMMITTED 1903.

Town tax.....	\$3,465 00	
State tax.....	719 21	
County tax.....	253 74	
Overlay.....	43 66	
Supplementary.....	8 00	
Uncollected taxes 1902.....	1,769 05	
	<hr/>	\$6,258 66

Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer 1902 taxes.....	1,689 95	
Abatements.....	79 10	
	<hr/>	1,769 05
By cash paid Treasurer 1903 taxes.....	2,425 20	
Abatements.....	20 55	
Supplementary tax.....	6 00	
Balance uncollected 1903 taxes.....	2,038 86	
	<hr/>	\$6,258 66

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. COLLINS,
Collector of Manchester

TREASURER'S REPORT.

James T. Collins, Treasurer,

In account with the town of Manchester.

Dr.

Received from Treasurer.....	\$ 51 67
Received from Collector, 1902.....	1,689 95
“ “ “ 1903.....	2,425 20
Miscellaneous.....	545 29
Dog licenses from town clerk.....	51 00

Reimbursement state pensions.....	120 00	
	<hr/>	4,888 11

Cr.

By paid town orders.....	2,723 48	
“ school orders.....	1,046 93	
“ overseers' orders.....	199 35	
“ state treasurer dog license.....	51 00	
“ state pensions.....	120 00	
“ county tax, 1902.....	239 24	
“ balance state tax, 1902.....	657 77	
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	5,037 77	
Due Treasurer.....	142 46	
	<hr/>	4,883 11

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes 1903.....	\$2,038 86	
Mill tax 1903.....	374 33	
Due from Farmingdale tuition.....	6 00	
“ “ Rome, J. Trask.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	2,435 19

LIABILITIES.

Balance state tax 1903.....	684 79	
County tax 1903.....	253 74	
Balance due schools.....	22 29	
Due Treasurer.....	148 56	
Outstanding bills (Est.).....	1,000 00	
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	2,107 38	
Balance in favor town.....	327 31	
	<hr/>	2,435 19

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. COLLINS, *Treasurer.*

Manchester, Feb. 20. 1904.

Examined and approved,

EDWIN CALDWELL	} <i>Selectmen</i>
EDGAR M. LENFEST,	
FRED L. FIFIELD,	

of
Manchester

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

In submitting this report it would be instructive perhaps to review briefly, some of the causes why some of our rural schools are not up to the standard in the results of their work. In looking over the rural schools in many towns we can discover several reasons why they are not more successful, not only in the mental advancement of the pupils; but also in the teachers' success under whose charge those scholars are.

We are constantly hoping and expecting better things mentally and morally from both teachers and scholars, better work in our schools in the ratio that we are getting more efficient and practicable laws, improvement in school books, and more aids in the school-rooms to assist the teacher in disseminating, as also, the scholar in acquiring practical knowledge. Yet we find in some of our schools, results have not proved wholly satisfactory. In fact we find in a few of our schools, that, in spite of the teachers' best and most insistent efforts, the pupils do not evince in their school examinations much advancement in their work at the close of a term.

With these facts before us it is not unnatural that we should ask why this is the case?

Having secured the teacher, in order to have that teacher's work most effective, the pupil's attention must be secured and held, and when the teacher has made clear and plain, that which he would teach—there yet remains the common work of both teacher and scholar—their co-work—in order to make the school profitable—a success instead of a failure.

I would mention one more, not the least important factor which should enter largely into school-work, and that is the earnest co-operation of the parents of the scholars in any and all ways that will assist a teacher in the maintenance of good order and strict discipline; in frequently exhibiting their interest in the school by often visiting the school and thus giving encouragement to both teacher and scholars, as well as casting the weight of their influence upon the side of the instructor. "It is better to build up than to pull down."

It is to be lamented however that parents and older members of a family, quite too often express disapprobation of a teacher's methods, or if a teacher commits an error of judgment, or in some point does not for lack of experience quite come up to the best standard as an instructor. Expressions of this kind, or any unkind criti-

cisms should be strictly guarded against before the scholars in any family, more especially of a young teacher making their first attempt. The schools for the past year taken as a whole have made marked improvement and much good work has been done by both teachers and pupils.

The lack of books in most of the schools, in some lines of study, necessitated quite a large purchase of them, equal to the amount of money raised for that purpose by the town, so that we lack but a few books as most schools are fairly well supplied, yet they will wear out by constant use, new ones must be supplied to take their place and it would be well to raise an equal amount for that purpose.

DISTRICT NO. 1. "LONGFELLOW SCHOOL."

The spring term of this school was instructed by Mr. Ambrose Bragg who has taught several successful terms elsewhere. He came highly recommended, and proved himself, in this school, to be a good disciplinarian and a forceful teacher, and exhibited earnest effort in awakening the ambitions of the pupils under his charge. The final examinations at the close of the term showed considerable progress in most of the classes.

The fall and spring terms of this school were under the charge of Miss Emma E. Jones of Augusta who has had much experience. Her work in this school has been of the best, having been painstaking and earnest to gain the best results. She fully gained the respect and good will of the entire school, and all under her charge most heartily co-operating. We must regard her as one of the best teachers we have employed.

DISTRICT NO 2. "McKINLEY SCHOOL."

The teacher selected for this school was Miss Amy E. Smith of Readfield who taught both the spring and fall terms and although she labored under some adverse criticism during the spring term, she calmly faced all the trials which so often beset the teacher's path. She labored faithfully and diligently throughout both spring and fall terms and we are assured that she gave general satisfaction.

Miss Blanche Smith of Winthrop, a graduate of Winthrop High School was hired for the winter term. Although having had only one term of school previous to this as a teacher during the fall in another district yet proved to be a good tactician and enthusiastic in her work.

DISTRICT NO. 4. "WASHINGTON SCHOOL."

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss J. Grace Nickerson who had been employed in the same school for the entire

previous year. She seemed interested and persevering in her work and evidently is ambitious to excel as an instructor.

Miss Florence E. Blake of Hallowell was teacher for the fall term. She had had no previous experience as a teacher, this being her first effort. It is to be regretted that parents do not more strongly insist upon prompt, regular attendance of their children at school. It is certainly a great disadvantage to teachers on account of irregularity of attendance, and the tardiness of pupils, and prevents the teacher from doing satisfactory work in the school and is disastrous to the usefulness of the school.

In securing the services of Miss Lora E. Norris of Wayne to teach the winter term, we are assured that we made no mistake, for she gave ample proof of her ability as a teacher, a good disciplinarian and inspired in her pupils a desire to do their best. Attractive and kindly in demeanor yet she secured good order throughout the term without forcible means.

At our last visit the pupils unanimously expressed the wish to have Miss Norris as their teacher in the future.

DISTRICT NO. 6. "LINCOLN SCHOOL."

We esteem ourselves most fortunate in securing the services of Miss Izetta Royal as teacher for the year. Her large success as a teacher is due to the fact that she has had a wide experience having been uniformly successful and possessing the power to attract rather than to repel, together with tact to guide and control those under her charge. Estimable in character, and conscientious in the performance of her duties as a teacher we take pleasure in expressing our opinion of her qualifications.

DISTRICT NO. 7. "FRANKLIN SCHOOL."

Miss Ria P. Gordon who has the reputation of being a successful teacher of long standing was again installed as the teacher in this school during the spring term. It was apparent that she secured the good will of her pupils, always striving to arouse their interest, and ambition to excel in their school-work. It is always pleasant to see a spirit of cordiality existing between teacher and pupils.

For the fall term Miss Blanche Smith who had had no previous experience in teaching, was hired for this school. Her earnest endeavor to awaken enthusiasm in those under her care was very much in evidence. Fair progress was made by the pupils during this term, and at its close an evening was given over to an excellent exhibition by the school, which was heartily enjoyed by those present.

The winter term was under the instruction of Miss Effie Alden of Readfield, a Kents' Hill student, this being her first school. It was with some misgivings that we placed her in this school; but having been disappointed in a teacher that had been engaged for this school (it then being late to secure an experienced and tried teacher) we concluded to install Miss Alden as teacher for the winter. Upon our first and subsequent visits to this school we were agreeably sur-

prised to find the teacher maintaining good discipline and insisting upon good order. Her manner was dignified and easy, possessing a good method of instructing the classes. It is to be deplored that parents and pupils did not unite with this teacher in making the school a pleasant and profitable one to all.

DENNIS B. JEWETT, *Superintendent.*

Feb. 17, 1904.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOLS.

Name of School.	Teacher.	Length of Term	Wages per week with board.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance
Spring.					
Longfellow	Ambrose Bragg	10	\$9.00	19	18
McKinley	Amy E. Smith		5.50	15	10.8
Lincoln	Izetta Royal	10	7.50	14	11.74
Washington	Grace Nickerson	10	6.00	16	15
Franklin	Ria P. Gordon	9	6.00	9	8.8
Fall Term.					
Longfellow	Emma E. Jones	10	8.00	23	20.9
McKinley	Amy E. Smith	10	5.50	9	8.6
Lincoln	Izetta Royal	10	7.50	15	13
Washington	Florence E. Blake	10	5.00	14	9
Franklin	Blanche Smith	8	6.00	9	7
Winter Term.					
Longfellow	Emma E. Jones	8	8.00	18	17
McKinley	Blanche Smith	9	5.50	8	6
Lincoln	Izetta Royal	8	7.50	17	15
Washington	Lora E. Norris	8	6.50	13	8
Franklin	Effe Alden	11	6.00	11	6